

Edgar D. Andrews Collection

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Guides to the Collections in the Veterans History Project



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Collection Summary

Title: Edgar D. Andrews Collection: Veterans History Project (U.S.)

Inclusive Dates: 1917-1974

Call No.: AFC 2001/001/103623

Creator: Edgar D. Andrews 1890-1974

Extent (photographs): 5 photographs.

Extent (manuscripts): manuscripts: 118 items.

Language: Collection material is in English.

Location: Veterans History Project, American Folklife Center, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Online Content: Selected items from the Edgar D. Andrews collection are available on the Library of Congress web site at <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.afc/eadvhp.vh017012.103623.01>.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Andrews, Edgar D., 1890-1974--Correspondence.

Andrews, Edgar D., 1890-1974.

Masson, Marilyn

Organizations

American Folklife Center

United States. Army. Division, 26th

Veterans History Project (U.S.)

Subjects

World War, 1914-1918--Veterans--Massachusetts.

Form/Genre

Clippings.

Correspondence.

Manuscripts.

Photographs.

Arrangement

Arranged in two series: manuscripts and photographs

Acquisition

Accessioned, 2016.

Copyright Status

Duplication of collection materials may be restricted.

Access and Restrictions

Collection is open for research; access restrictions apply. To request collection materials, please contact the Veterans History Project at <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.afc/vhp.contact>

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Biographical Note

Edgar D. Andrews was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on November 26th, 1890, to George and Sarah Andrews. He enlisted in the Massachusetts National Guard and was mobilized into the United States Army's American Expeditionary Forces (AEF) during World War I. As a corporal, he served as a runner and machine gunner with Company A, 102nd Machine Gun Battalion, 26th Division. After training at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, he was deployed to France in 1917, and saw combat at Chateau Thierry. While serving in France, Andrews was injured and was hospitalized. He returned to the United States in 1919. After his return to the United States, he married Margaret Nichols and had two children, George and Sarah. Andrews became a stockbroker, owning and operating his own brokerage in Ipswich, Massachusetts. He died on April 19th, 1974.

Scope and Content

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Description of Series

Container

Series

Series I: Manuscripts

Series II: Photographs

Container List

Container	Contents
Series I: Manuscripts	
BOX-FOLDER MSS2790/1	Civilian Papers, 1917-1919 1 folder Digital content available MS01: Treasury Department Bureau of War Risk Insurance notices, certificates and letters concerning Andrews' war risk insurance.
BOX-FOLDER MSS2790/2	Clippings, 1917-1974 1 folder Digital content available MS02: Clippings include: new policy for military family assistance; poems for Army scrap book; clippings about fellow 102nd Machine Gunners; notice of Andrews being wounded in Chateau Thierry; Andrews' obituaries in the Salem News, Boston Herald, and Ipswich Chronicle.
BOX-FOLDER MSS2790/3-6	Correspondence, 1917-1919 3 folders Digital content available MS03: Letters between Andrews and his parents and younger sister Sue. Also included are letters from his cousin Frank Paten to Andrews' mother, Sarah, and sister, Sue. Topics covered include: Drills and maneuvers at Fort Devens, Massachusetts; weather conditions; not receiving mail for weeks at a time; inquiring about family and friends back home in Boston, Massachusetts; food; enjoying receiving mail from his younger sister Sue; sending parents money; needing money for incidentals; arriving safely in France; requesting family and friends send him cigarettes and tobacco; holidays; anxious to possibly see Paris; getting horses for division; worn out from riding horses bareback; French soldier detailed to keep their billet in order and clean their shoes; French people were kind; awful seeing towns and cities throughout France that were ruined due to war; running into sister's friend at the YMCA; wounded and taken to hospital near Nevers, France; loosing 13 teeth; serving with the 102nd Machine Gun Battalion; war ending; feeling very lucky to be alive.
BOX-FOLDER MSS2790/7	Creative Works, 1917-1919 1 folder Digital content available MS04: Lyrics to "The Service Flag;" and 102nd Machine Gun Battalion song to the tune to "Auld Lang Syne"
BOX-FOLDER MSS2092/8	Printed Matter, 1917 1 folder Digital content available MS05: Receipts; "Commercial Traveler' Eastern Accident Association" card; business card; Newark Shoe Stores Company flyer; post cards; mail/telegram regulations program; John T. Heard Lodge church program; program written in France.
BOX-FOLDER MSS2092/9	Regimental Histories, 1917 1 folder Digital content available

Series I: Manuscripts

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	MS06: "Welfare Association" bulletins that include a history of Company A, 102nd Machine Gun Battalion; Company A, 102nd Machine Gun Battalion rosters.
BOX-FOLDER OVZ345/1	Regimental Histories, 1928 1 box Digital content available
	MS06 continued: The History of Company A, 102nd Machine Gun Battalion, 26th Division book. Andrews is featured in the book multiple times.
BOX-FOLDER OVZ329/1	Regimental Histories, 1919 1 folder Digital content available
	MS06 continued: "Welfare Association" bulletin #18 that includes return of Company A, 102nd Machine Gun Battalion to the United States.

Series II: Photographs

BOX-FOLDER MSS2790/10	Photographic Prints, 1917-1919 2 folders Digital content available
BOX-FOLDER MSS2790/11	PH01-PH03: Service portrait of Andrews in military wool coat. Copy of Photographic Prints, 1917-1919 1 folder Digital content available
BOX-FOLDER OVZ287/1	PH04: 102nd Machine Gun Battalion plaque. Copy of Photographic Prints, 1917-1919 1 folder Digital content available
	PH05: Group photograph of Andrews with his unit, Company A, 102nd Machine Gun Battalion, 26th Division, Fort Devens, Massachusetts.